

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-73. (Canceled)

74. (New) A wireless microphone communication system for use by a plurality of operators on a stage, comprising:

a plurality of wireless microphones;

a wireless receiver operable to wirelessly receive radio signals from one or more of the plurality of wireless microphones; and

a plurality of computers each being connected over a Local Area Network (LAN) to the wireless receiver and each being connected to a respective display and a respective keyboard;

wherein the wireless receiver obtains and continuously sends over the LAN information indicative of a status of the one or more wireless microphones,

wherein the plurality of computers continuously receives the information sent over the LAN from the wireless receiver, and

wherein each computer displays the received information, and

wherein each computer displays one or more character strings input through the respective keyboard by an operator associated with the computer, and sends the one or more character strings to the other computers, and

wherein each computer also displays one or more character strings being input by other operators associated with other computers through respective keyboards connected to the other computers and being sent from the other computers, thereby allowing all of the displays to display the same content.

75. (New) A wireless microphone communication system of claim 74, wherein each computer further displays a marking made by an operator on a display region, and sends the marking to the other computers, and wherein each computer further displays markings being made by the other operators and being sent from the other computers.

76. (New) A wireless microphone communication system of Claim 74, further comprising:

a camera positioned above the stage for acquiring images of the entire stage while a given wireless microphone is carried and moved by an operator on the stage, the camera being connected over the LAN to a given computer; and

wherein the given computer continuously receives from the camera the images acquired by the camera;

wherein the given computer continuously determines whether or not the information indicative of the status of the given wireless microphone indicates an RF level lower than a predetermined threshold; and

wherein the given computer stores an image received at a time when the given computer determines that the RF level is lower than the predetermined threshold.

77. (New) A wireless microphone communication system for use by a plurality of operators on a stage, comprising:

a plurality of wireless microphones;

a wireless receiver operable to wirelessly receive radio waves from one or more of the wireless microphones and operable to obtain information indicative of a status of the one or more wireless microphones; and

a plurality of computers each being connected over a LAN to the wireless receiver, each computer being coupled to a respective display and a respective keyboard, and each having circuitry configured to:

receive, from the wireless receiver, the information indicative of status of the one or more wireless microphones;

display the received information on the respective display;

receive first character strings input through the respective keyboard by one of the plurality of operators and display the first character strings;

send the first character strings to other computers over the LAN; and

receive over the LAN, from the other computers, second character strings input by others of the plurality of operators by way of keyboards coupled to other computers; and

display the received first and second character strings together on the display.

78. (New) A wireless microphone communication system of Claim 77, the plurality of computers each having the circuitry configured further to:

receive a first marking made by the one of the operators on the respective display, and send the first marking to other computers over the LAN;

receive over the LAN, from the other computers, second markings made by the others of the operators on displays coupled to other computers; and

display the first and second markings together on the respective display.

79. (New) A wireless microphone communication system of Claim 77, further comprising:

a camera being positioned above the stage for acquiring images of the entire stage while a given wireless microphone is carried and moved by an operator on the stage, the camera being connected over the LAN to a given computer; and

wherein the given computer has circuitry configured further to:

continuously receive, from the camera, the images acquired by the camera;

continuously determine whether or not the information indicative of the status of the given wireless microphone indicates an RF level lower than a predetermined threshold; and

store an image received at a time when the given computer determines that the RF level is lower than the predetermined threshold.